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Garrison Now Out of Hospital

District Attorney Jim Garrison is out of the hospital and may be returning to the campaign trail.

A spokesman for Hotel Dieu Hospital said today that Garrison checked out of the hospital at 2 p. m. yesterday.

Reporters checking Garrison's home over the weekend were told that the DA and his wife were out for the evening. A hospital spokesman said patients who are able can be released from the hospital for an evening with permission of their physicians.

Garrison checked into the hospital Sept. 20. He has not made any campaign appearances since that date. His office said a recurring back ailment was the cause of the hospitalization. Garrison is opposed by three candidates for his job — Harry Connick, Charles Ray Ward and Ross T. Scaccia.